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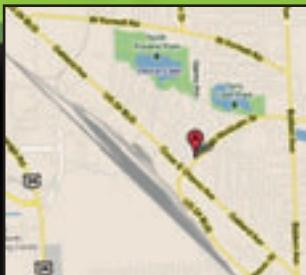
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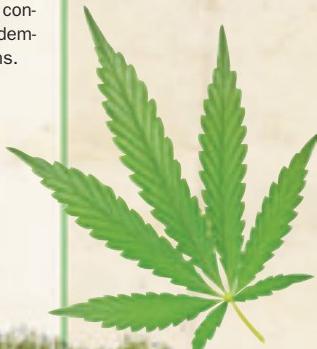
The Cream Rises to the Top

Ben Horner

First of all, I want to thank everyone who joined us on the Capital building stairs to have their voice be heard. The rain and winds could not dampen our medicated spirits. (see full article on the Lansing Rally on page 12) It was great to see everyone, of all races, ages, and denominations unite for a common goal. I would also like to shout out a sincere thank you to all our friends and vendors who showed at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. This event had so much potential, but sometimes even the best of us get fucked over. The cream really does rise to the top as the sediment and slime (aka shitty unscrupulous carnies) sink back to the abyss where they belong. Kim and Trent tried their best but partnered up with a real scum ball. Better luck next time.

We are looking for good people who want to get involved in the MMM Report. We need associates thru out the state that can keep tabs on the pulse of the community. Just shoot us an email or call Mark Edwards. (His number is listed with the rest of the MMMR info, in the front of the magazine)

I urge all of you to call or write your state and local lawmakers and let them know we are not going away. Our numbers grow larger by the day and we will be heard. When you don't know who to believe, just remember the MMM Report is dedicated to bringing you the straight dope.





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MACC the Knife

By JC Trout

The Isabella County Case is epic. It is a perfect storm that will resolve some of the most controversial issues created by the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (2008); patient-to-patient transfers, for-profit medical marijuana clubs (dispensaries), as well as the right to assemble. This new “friend of the court” (amicus curiae) brief submitted by Attorney Matthew Newburg to the Michigan State Court of Appeals, will silence the A.G. Bill Schuette’s discrimination and lay his legal arguments to rest.

We, as in the “Royal WE,” have been waiting for what seems an eternity for some closure to the legal controversy that surrounds the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act since its passing. Adding insult to injury, Bill Schuette, the anti-medical marijuana leader who had been defeated with the passing of our bill, now darkens the Attorney General’s desk, and has been eager to use that power not to uphold the laws of the state of Michigan, but to destroy a program directly passed by its citizens. Well folks, that time is now! The final battle between light and dark side shall collide in the State of Michigan v. McQueen.

On December 16, 2010, Larry Burdick, Isabella’s Prosecutor was unable to convince the court that the actions of the Apothecary Compassion owners Brandon McQueen and Matthew Taylor were in anyway unlawful; the nuisance charges dropped, and the case closed. One would think the Compassion Apothecary would be allowed to return to their lives unabated.

Instead Burdick, with the support of AG Schuette, took the case to the Michigan Court of Appeals to seek a retrial. Schuette, then submitted an amicus curiae to carry his personal vendetta against the program in the higher courts. In his brief, Schuette cleverly rehashed Burdick’s original contention cit-

ing that the MMMA did not allow for-profit clubs, but only payment for caregiver expenses. Then through a skewed reading of the act’s caregiver system, patients are not to transfer between one another, and that the club owners “exceeded established limits for qualified patients and caregivers.” With this brief, Schuette hopes to reverse the lower courts previous ruling. Then the “journey towards the dark side [would] be complete.”

In plain language, a patient-to-patient transfer could be anything from one patient passing a doob to another patient, to an actual transfer of medication for compensation. The amount the club was allowed to have on the premises largely depended on the interpretation of the MMMA’s caregiver system. And lastly, the club owners, in an attempt to run a viable business, charged caregivers 20% commission for vending space; akin to a farmers’ market scenario.

Fortunately, on May 11, Matthew Newburg, Amicus Attorney representing the Michigan Association Compassion Centers (MACC), filed amicus curiae on behalf of the club owners. In the brief, Newburg squarely put Schuette and Burdick against the ropes with logical haymakers and legal jabs citing statutory ignorance and misuse of power.

However, Newburg’s elegance is not found in the assertions of Schuette’s clouded actions, but in the bulldog style used to convey the rights of the medical marijuana patients and caregivers. His address focused, among a myriad of other issues, on patient-to-patient transfers, as well as the “sale” of marijuana in the state.

Unlike the actual rules set forth by the MMMA (2008) or the administrative rules of 2009, Newburg addresses Patients and caregivers separately, and using the act itself coupled with current law regarding agent-principle relationships, creates a legal



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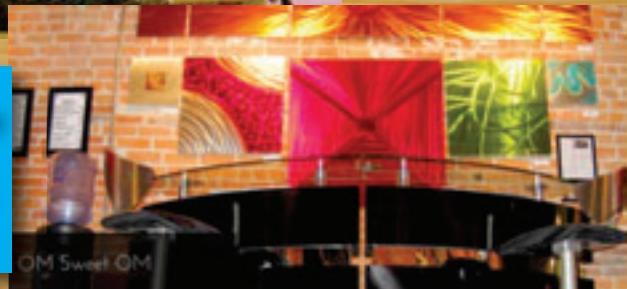
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RALLY IN LANSING

By Benjamin Horner

Having had planned my trip weeks ago, after hearing about the rally at the state capitol, I was dismayed when I awoke that dreary Thursday morning to a less than favorable weather conditions. On my way to meet up with the crew of Michigan medical marijuana patients and caregivers at Michigan Organic Solutions, the first Medical Marijuana Clinic in Flint, I pondered how many would show considering the mellow May showers that were impeding my morning drive in. My worst fear was that I would be alone on the trip down there. I was pleasantly surprised when I arrived. We loaded that bus so full that the wheels scraped the wheel wells when we went over a bump on the road.

Cozy and out of the rain we road west towards Lansing. Bob Marley was put on the bus' sound system and by the time we reach our first stop everyone was satisfactorily medicated. The staff at the Top Shelf Buds on Michigan Ave, was ready for us with bells on. Stephan and his staff had breakfast ready for us and after restocking our medicine supplies and several trips to the flavored oxygen bar we were revitalized and ready to take on the Man.

On the approach to the capitol building, everyone



on the bus held their breath not knowing what to expect. As we turned we saw our first fellow protester already getting set up on the steps. Joe Caine from the MMA was the point man, and boy did he get the people stirred up. The crowd quickly grew and began chanting together towards the capitol building filled with Michigan's Law makers. Occasionally the folks inside the building would peak out through the curtains and broad over the hundreds of angry protesters.

One might wonder, why are Michigan medical marijuana patients and caregivers so mad? Some would think that all of the pot folks should be happy that they



can now med-

icate in peace, without fear from the drug law Nazis. After hearing the story's of the patients and caregivers that had been harassed while being in compliance with the law, it made everyone mad if they were not already.

One story was of a father who had his 6 year old son taken away by Child Protection Services, for no other reason other than he was a medical marijuana patient. He had to fight for two weeks to get his son back. This patient was in full compliance with the law but was compelled to give up his civil rights to recover his boy. These testimonies went on and on, filled with



genuine raw emotion.

Reverend Steve, President of Michigan Normal, spoke with wisdom and conviction. He spoke of the value of us working together with positive energy, and to put aside the differences between individuals and between organizations. He shared a quote from Mohandas K Gandhi:

"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."

Tired and wet, we regrouped and returned back to the bus. We soon arrived at Great Lake Superior Compassion Club at their new, more upscale location on Jolly rd. The man in charge there is Richard. He demonstrated their new Michigan made nutrient line developed by the caregivers of Great Lake Superior. This soon to be released product is a cutting edge organic, sugar-free line.

Last Stop was the Kushon. Everyone was impressed with both the atmosphere and quality of the meds. Their newest star strain Superband was proudly displayed, attracting everyone's attention. Having replenished we loaded back on to the bus.

On the way back to Michigan Organic Solution, I replayed the day in my head. The turnout was more than expected even for a good weather day. We were all wet and tired as we road back east, but warm in spirit as we sang Yellow Submarine. Everything was all good because we knew we were winning the war on medical marijuana.



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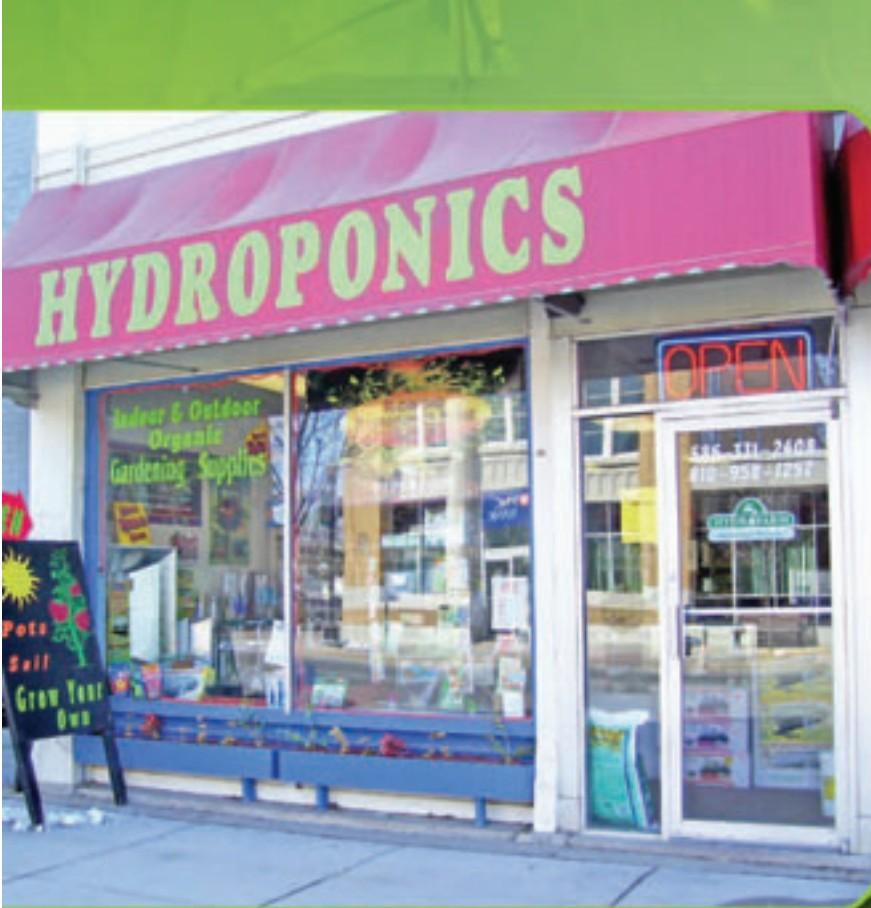


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AFFECT THE APOCALYPSE HAD ON THE MICHIGAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT

By Erikush Growski

As I sit in my post-apocalyptic home, such a close call has me thinking deeply about simple things - my home, family, and even my rights. I pondered whether or not I would share my warehouse club-sized box of candy with the neighbor, I hate when the end of the world leaves us really needing snacks. Fretting over how would I save my two cats, dog, and oh yeah, my husband, while fleeing a volcanic eruption and a meteor shower, with aliens tailing me, all at once. In addition, all this rain water has me preparing for the inevitability of floating away at any second. Hiding out waiting for the sky to fall and the world to end gave me a significant amount of time to catch up with the state of our state with respect to my favorite plight: medical marijuana.

The Medical Marihuana Act passed in Michigan with the support of 63 percent of the voters in November 2008. The Act established some protection for those who obtain a state medical marijuana card, and subsequently use marijuana for treatment of an appropriate medical condition as outlined in the Act and reiterated below.

To obtain a medical marijuana card in Michigan, the criteria must be met. A person must be suffering from a debilitating medical condition. The Michigan Medical Marihuana Act defines a debilitating medical condition in 333.26423(3)(a) as one or more of the following : "(1) Cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Crohn's disease, agitation of Alzheimer's disease, nail patella, or the treatment of these conditions. (2) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that produces 1 or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome; severe and chronic

pain, severe nausea; seizures, including but not limited to those characteristic of epilepsy; or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to those characteristics of multiple sclerosis. (3) Any other medical condition or its treatment approved by the department, as provided for in section 5(a)." (Note that section 5(a) is a provision that puts forth the manner in which medical conditions and treatments

may be added to the list of debilitating medical conditions previously listed.)

If you suffer from a medical condition and feel you would benefit from the use of marijuana, meeting with a physician would be your first step. To obtain a card from the state, you must not only meet the criteria, but you must obtain a physician's recommendation. That recommendation must indicate that you meet the criteria and would possibly benefit from the

use of marijuana. The Act requires that a referring doctor establish a doctor/patient relationship, and that the doctor fully evaluate a candidate for eligibility. A physician (M.D. or D.O., only) can recommend use of marijuana as a treatment, but cannot prescribe it as a medication and cannot advise you of a dose/amount to ingest, smoke, etc. When a physician signs your medical marijuana application, that is the only recommendation that is required. As an aside, just as doctors are not allowed to "prescribe" marijuana, pharmacists are not allowed to dispense it.

The Act provides affirmative defenses specifically for the state registering patients who have meet the criteria, obtained a physician's recommendation, paid the fee and, as a result, receive their Michigan card. Although it is not "legal," it is decriminalized through those affirmative defenses in the Act. An affirmative defense is, for a lack of a simpler explanation, a good

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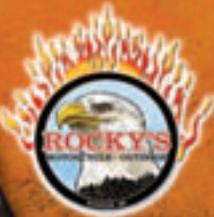
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A Column by John Sinclair



Cinco de Mayo, the 5th of May, is Liberation Day in Holland. It marks the end of the brutal German occupation of The Netherlands during World War II, and the Dutch people celebrate their deliverance from the evil Nazi regime with festivals and gatherings throughout the country.

Liberation Day is a jubilant affirmation of the inalienable human right to freedom and liberty and self-determination. And it keeps alive in the national consciousness the triumph of humanism and democracy over the insanely cruel system of oppression and exploitation imposed and enforced by Adolph Hitler and his psychotic Nazi regime.

Liberation Day has big meaning for the Dutch people because they know what it was to be occupied and ruled by the Nazis. They know what freedom means because they were not free and then they were liberated.

In turn, the Netherlands has helped pioneer the emergent European Union—now 27 member states including former bitter enemies in both World Wars and the Cold War as well—to try to prevent any further wars among themselves and secure enduring continental peace.

The tiny nation's experience with occupation and liberation seems also to have engendered an extraordinary spirit of tolerance and personal freedom amongst the populace. Dutch people tend to enjoy their freedom as individual citizens to live and comport themselves as they may wish as long as they are not harming others.

Professional sex activity is tolerated and even licensed and allowed to thrive in its own district. Recreational drug users of every sort are not regarded as criminals, and possession of small amounts of one's drug of choice is not regarded as a crime.

Most spectacularly, the Dutch allow free use of cannabis and provide for its retail sale over the counters of hundreds of licensed coffeeshops around the country. There are

nearly 250 operative coffeeshops in Amsterdam itself, warmly and efficiently serving the cannabis-smoking community with top-quality Dutch-grown marijuana and imported hashish which may be smoked and enjoyed on the premises.

For an American, the situation in the Netherlands is as close to a condition of social freedom as one can imagine. In the United States, cannabis users are legally defined as criminals and hounded and persecuted by the police all their lives as smokers. Citizens are subject to drug testing as a condition of steady employment or for the successful completion of a probationary sentence, and they live in constant fear of police raids on their homes and businesses and the incessant stops, searches and seizures of their personal stashes—even prescribed medical marijuana—when arrested in their cars or public places.

The burgeoning American police state has been built on the framework of the government's 40-year War on Drugs, in which the preponderance of victims of the drug warriors are marijuana smokers. Hundreds of thousands of American pot smokers are incarcerated in federal and state prisons as we speak, but they represent only a mere fraction of the citizenry victimized by the police and courts simply for smoking marijuana.

A vast industry of punishment and social pain has been erected on the backs of American marijuana smokers. Legions of special narcotics police stalk the streets of our communities seeking to harass and arrest every marijuana user or supplier they can find. The arrestees are dragged before special drug courts and tried by special drug prosecutors in front of special drug judges armed with the most draconian set of drug laws imaginable.

Once convicted, usually following a guilty plea arranged by one of the thousands of lawyers who specialize in representing

drug law offenders, the smoker is fined, sentenced to a probationary term and ordered into a drug treatment. Their urine is assessed in drug testing labs and their conduct scrutinized by drug treatment professionals, drug probation officers and the ever-present drug police.

That's a whole lot of people and facilities lined up against marijuana smokers and dedicated to our capture and punishment. Thousands and thousands and thousands of Americans are employed at taxpayers' expense by the insane mechanism created by the War on Drugs, and this vast force of drug law enforcers prospers by delivering severe punishment to an entire national community of recreational—and even medicinal—marijuana smokers.

Since my release from prison as a marijuana law offender 40 years ago—and now as a licensed Medical Marijuana Patient in the State of Michigan—I've managed to avoid arrest while smoking quietly each day, but the shadow of the drug Gestapo is always hovering overhead no matter where you are. Carrying a small smoking stash in public or even toking in your home can bring serious grief if you're apprehended, and the

pothead lives in a continuous state of terror even if the police remain at bay.

Liberation for the marijuana smoker in America, sad to say, is not on the near horizon. The mammoth drug law enforcement industry built up around the War on Drugs channels billions of dollars each year to the worst segments of our society, and I'm afraid they're so deeply entrenched that their overthrow will be particularly problematic.

But liberation for the weedhead is real when one arrives in Amsterdam. Purchasing and smoking cannabis is perfectly okay, and the police have no interest whatsoever in the individual smoker. All of a sudden one is no longer a criminal, and the veil of fear and trembling rises and floats away in the breeze. Life begins anew in liberated territory, and we are free to live our lives as marijuana smokers without fear at last.

Liberation from the Nazi oppressors, liberation from drug police terror—these are good things, and we will continue to celebrate them as long as we may live.

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AFFECT THE APOCALYPSE HAD.... continued

reason for breaking the law. Just as if you shot someone who was just about to kill you with a gun, that would be your affirmative defense to the unlawful conduct, and an acceptable reason for the shooting. Again, marijuana is still illegal under the federal law and state law cannot contradict a federal law. However, to get around that fact, the affirmative defenses were provided by our voters and became statutory law, and subsequently decriminalize medicinal use of marijuana in Michigan. As nearly all marijuana cases are state cases, the Act does provide the appropriate protection needed.

However, the law does not protect patients and care givers as much as it should, and some level of reform is needed. In the meantime, here are some highlights of the law to help keep you and your smoke under the radar: Marijuana, whether for medicinal use or not, may never be smoked in a public place; marijuana may not be smoked while driving or operating motorized equipment; as a patient, only 2.5 ounces of usable product, maximum, can be in your possession at any particular time; health insurance is not required to pay for medical marijuana or any costs related to medical

marijuana; and, most importantly, the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act will not protect you from being fired from your job for drug use. Yes, this is true. You can be fired by your employer, if they so choose, for using marijuana medicinally, regardless if you possess a Michigan medical marijuana card or not, so be very careful at work. The best thing is to not trust anyone with your medical information unless it is absolutely necessary to disclose.

Now that we have seen the impact of the apocalypse on the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, which as far as I can see had none, but did, nonetheless, afford us the time to analyze. Now we can move forward and purport change and fill the gaps and holes that need filling. (Who better than pot growers to do that kind of gardening?) As disorganized and undirected as this statute may appear on the surface, it is a pretty good starting point to further the cause in the aftermath of the big one. Now that we can be sure the McDonald's on the corner isn't going to go out of business anytime soon due to the apocalypse, be nice to that neighbor. Maybe he will provide snacks at the next end of the world event. When is that Mayan calendar thing?

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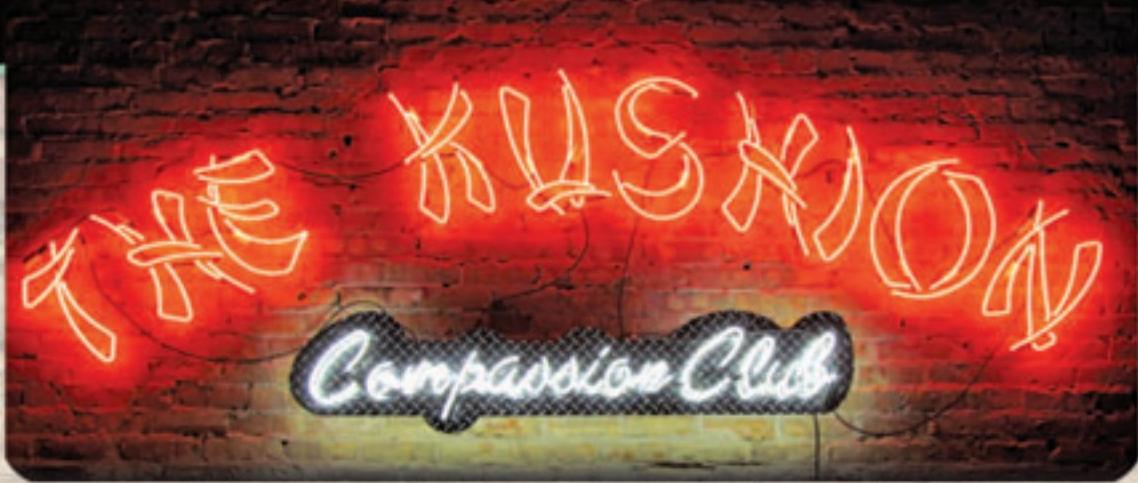
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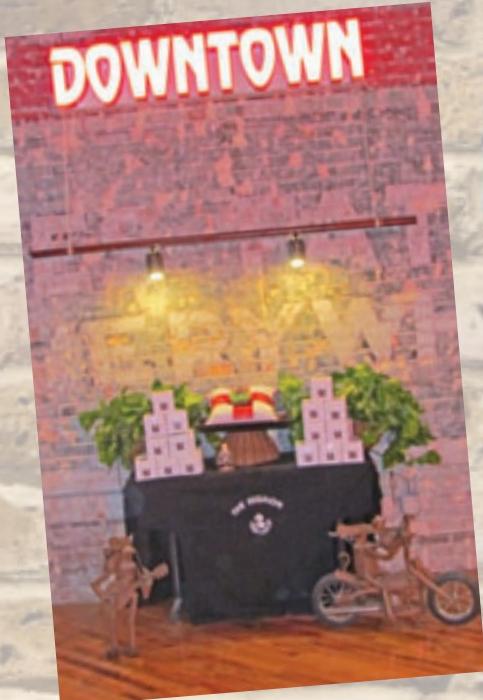




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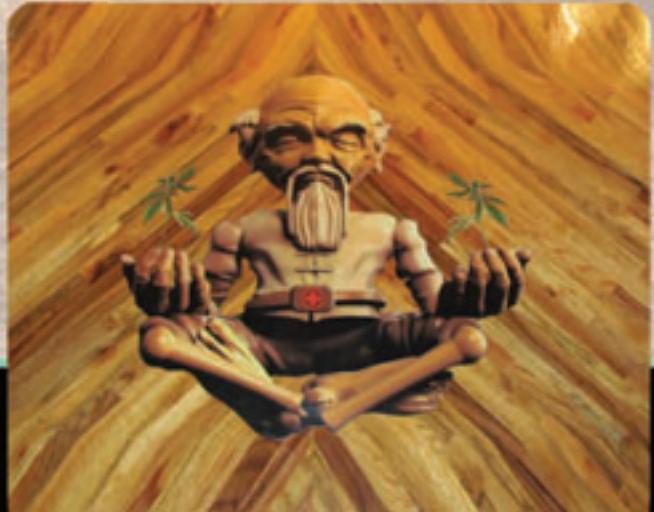
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Q. What do you call a pothead that doesn't inhale?

A. Mr. President.

Q: How many potheads does it take to change a light bulb.

A: Screw it, we got lighters

Q: What do you get when you eat marijuana ?

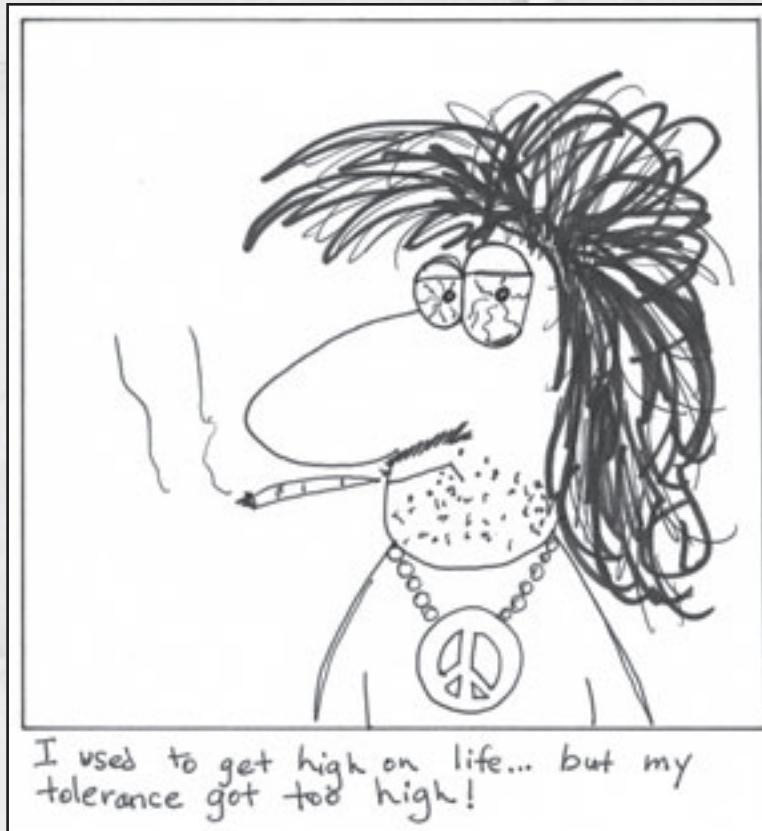
A: A pot belly

Q: How do you hide money from a hippie?

A: Put it under the soap.

Q: How do you know you are a true stoner?

A: When your bong gets washed more than your dishes!



I used to get high on life... but my tolerance got too high!

Q: What is Reality?

A: An illusion caused by a lack of good weed.

Q: What is the difference between a drunk guy and a stoner at a stop sign?

A: The drunk guy runs it and the stoner waits for it to turn green!

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June 9th and 23rd - Mid Michigan Compassion Club Meeting. VFW Sheridan 209 W. Washington, Sheridan MI 48884 6pm

June 9th - State Bar of Michigan Presents: General Practice Medical Marijuana-The Law is Evolving. Ginopolis on the grill in Farmington Hills 12:30-2:30. Register at <http://e.michbar.org>

June 13th – Southwest Michigan Compassion Club Monthly Meeting 7-9pm American Legion #51

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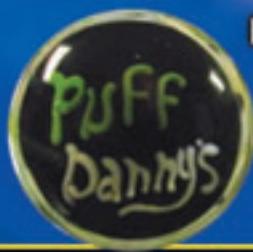
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MACC the Knife

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scaffolding to address incongruencies. In the brief he argues that patient-to-patient transfers are legal because the control of “usable marijuana,” is actually the property of the patient. The caregiver is contractually charged with obtaining medication for their patient either through cultivation or using the caregiver system to relieve patient suffering. And the liberal language of the MMMA, gives credit to his claims. Ultimately, the relief of suffering is the main goal of the act and the primary caregiver of the patient. Patient's that are bed-ridden or shut-ins are dependent on their caregiver to provide a service they cannot provide themselves. He argues that caregivers ought to be allowed to do their job within the confines of current MMMA regulations.

The most ingenious and advantageous of Newburg's argument considers the “sale” of marijuana legal! Yes, you can check it out yourself. This does not mean we can all jump up and down quite yet. However, technically, while the “trafficking, manufacture, delivery, or possession” is still considered illegal, because the “sale” of marijuana had never been specifically addressed, there is no prosecution for those who are legally allowed to possess or transfer it. In other words, any patient or caregiver has the legal right to sell, not transfer their marijuana.

As Third Coast owner Jamie Lowell stated, “At stake is the ability for the patients to consistently get their medication as needed; at stake the ability for people to carry out this law and to fully realize its intent!” It is up to the Court of Appeals Judge to choose between the light or dark side of the legal force. Hopefully, the Michigan Court of Appeals Judge will choose wisely and stay the powerful hand of the people.



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SAGITTARIUS

People you know are quite likely to fly off the handle, so do whatever it takes to back off and calm them down when it happens. If you get all riled up yourself, try to remember that emotions are close to the surface now



SCORPIO

You need to try something a little different this month. It's a good time for you to expand your horizons in some new way, maybe by trying a class or getting someone to show you a part of town you've never visited



ARIES

Everyone's got an opinion, but they all fly off in different directions. Round them all up and see if you can find anything like consensus hiding in the details. You're sure to be rewarded.



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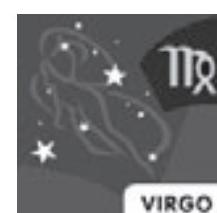
AQUARIUS

Philosophical meanderings are perfect for your state of mind – and your great energy should help to ensure that you make some new inroads into an area of some importance to you



PISCES

Try not to worry about your lack of understanding – there's a lot of that going around! Just because the details are blurry doesn't mean that you can't still get some work done



VIRGO

Stick with what you know – otherwise, you're likely to just fall farther and farther behind. If you say no to all new projects and requests (even the good ones), you are sure to be better off tomorrow



TAURUS

You're often quite altruistic, but on a day like today, you can tell that there are enough others covering for you that you can get away with a little self-care. Do whatever you want to do!



GEMINI

Group efforts seem much smoother and simpler – and you can get a lot more done as part of a team. Join up with like-minded people to bring your collective vision to life. It's a snap!

ASHAAM ATTICA SMITH

AN INTERVIEW BY BEN HORNER

Ashaam Attica Smith, better known by his stage name Esham (East Side Hoes And Money), is an American rapper from Detroit, Michigan known for his hallucinogenic style of hip hop which he refers to as "acid rap", which fuses rock-based beats and lyrics involving subjects such as death, drug use, evil, paranoia and sex. Releasing his debut album, Boomin' Words from Hell while still in high school, Smith is considered to be one of the originators of horrorcore, rap rock and rap metal. Counting Boomin' Words from Hell, he has released twelve studio albums, six extended plays and three compilation albums. Smith co-founded the independent record label Reel Life Productions, and formed the group Natas with local rappers Mastamind and TNT. Smith influenced Eminem, Kid Rock and Insane Clown Posse." - Wikipedia May, 2011



Tell us about your upcoming album release DMT Sessions?

a. DMT sessions basically came from getting into Joe Rogan, the movie Enter the Void and really becoming fascinated with the chemical DMT that is created in the pineal gland in the brain.

Is it true that you have Hip Hop's most recorded song dedicated to marijuana?

a. I'm not sure about that, but they might say I was probably one of the first song dedicated to the chronic. It was called True. (From the 1989 album, Bommin' Words from Hell, 1989)

How has marijuana helped your creative process in terms of writing and recording music?

a. Marijuana helps me out with focusing and gets me in tune with whatever I'm working on. It defiantly relaxes me.

What are your thoughts regarding the legalization of marijuana in America?

a. I think it should be legalized. Weed should be free. It should grow like dandelions on the side of the road. That's how it used to be. Back in the day before they made all of those laws that were made to demonize it.

DMT sessions are scheduled to be released in stores June 21st.

The CD release party will be held at the club Status in Flint Michigan, on June 18th. Advanced Tickets are available for sale at Paradise Express in the Dort Mall in Flint.

Interviewed by Ben Horner April 27, 2011

Crossword Solution

1 G	2 O	3 B	4 S		5 A	6 B	7 B	8 O	9 T		10 S	11 C	12 O	13 T		
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